

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

**Exhibit A to Registration Statement****Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently. The filing of this document requires the payment of a filing fee as set forth in Rule (d)(1), 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1). Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit A form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required by the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide this information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the Registration Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the Registration Unit's webpage: <https://www.fara.gov>. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public in print and online at: <https://www.fara.gov>.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .49 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, Registration Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

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| 1. Name and Address of Registrant<br>Zeppelin Communications, 411 Main Street, East Aurora, NY, 14052  |  | 2. Registration No.<br>6709 |
| 3. Name of Foreign Principal<br>President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed  | 4. Principal Address of Foreign Principal<br>Villa Somalia, Mogadishu, Somalia |                             |
| 5. Indicate whether your foreign principal is one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government of a foreign country<sup>1</sup></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign political party</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Corporation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Association</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Committee</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>) _____</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Individual-State nationality _____</li> </ul> |  |                             |
| 6. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant<br/>The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Somalia in the United States</li> <li>b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals<br/>H.E. Mr. Abukar Dahir Osman, Permanent Representative of the Somali Republic to the United Nations</li> </ul>   |  |                             |
| 7. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Principal address</li> <li>b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals</li> <li>c) Principal aim</li> </ul>  |  |                             |

<sup>1</sup> "Government of a foreign country," as defined in Section 1(e) of the Act, includes any person or group of persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States.

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8. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party:

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal.

b) Is this foreign principal:

Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

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9. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 8(b). *(If additional space is needed, a full insert page must be used.)*

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10. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

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#### EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this Exhibit A to the registration statement and that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

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| Date of Exhibit A | Name and Title | Signature | <b>Sign</b> |
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**Exhibit B to Registration Statement****Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

**INSTRUCTIONS.** A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

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| 1. Name of Registrant<br>Zeppelin Communications | 2. Registration No.<br><br>6709 |
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3. Name of Foreign Principal  
President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed

Check Appropriate Box:

4. ☒ The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
5. ☐ There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
6. ☐ The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
7. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.



## 8. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

Zeppelin Communications and Michael Caputo provide public affairs and lobbying services for the Somali government by highlighting the positive development the Somali Government has made in increasing government revenue, security sector reform, political inclusiveness, reworking the Constitution, and financial management reform.

9. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose.

Zeppelin Communications and Mr. Caputo will work with the United States Congress and its relevant committees - including the United States House Committee on Foreign Affairs and its subcommittees and the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and its subcommittees - to assure all facts are known regarding the Government of Somalia's record of increasing government revenue, security sector reform, political inclusiveness, reworking the Constitution, and financial management reform and that a productive dialogue continues with Congress and the Government of Somalia.

Zeppelin Communications and Mr. Caputo will work with the United States Presidential Administration - including the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and the White House - to assure all facts are known regarding the Government of Somalia's record of increasing government revenue, security sector reform, political inclusiveness, reworking the Constitution, and financial management reform and that a productive dialogue continues with the Administration and the Government of Somalia.

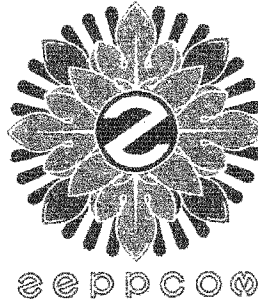
Mr. Caputo will speak and meet with these United States Government individuals, groups and organizations, and secure in-person meetings with Government of Somalia representatives and the President of Somalia as necessary, to discuss the above information.

## EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this Exhibit B to the registration statement and that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

| Date of Exhibit B | Name and Title                         | Signature         | Sign |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|------|
| 8/22/2019         | Michael R. Caputo<br>Managing Director | Michael R. Caputo |      |

Footnote: "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.



## AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into by and between **The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Somalia in the United States, Washington D.C** hereinafter referred to as "Client", and **ZEPPELIN COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.**, hereafter referred to as "Consultant", upon the following terms and conditions:

- A. **Scope of Work:** Provide public affairs and lobbying services for the Somali government. Highlight the positive developments the Somali government has made in increasing government revenue, security sector reform, political inclusiveness, reworking the constitution, and financial management reform.
- B. **Compensation/Expenses:** Client shall pay Consultant at a rate of \$15,000 per month. Reasonable expenses associated with executing this agreement – travel, including airfare, car rental, lodging and meals, shall be invoiced by Consultant and paid by Client upon receipt. Client must preapprove all expenses over \$500.
- C. **Invoices/Payment:** Consultant shall furnish Client with invoices on a monthly basis for work to be performed under this Agreement as specified in B above. Client agrees to pay Consultant upon receipt of invoices.
- D. **Term of Agreement:** Consultant's services shall commence on the date of mutual contract execution and terminate on February 29, 2020. This Agreement can be terminated by either party, with or without cause, at any time during the Agreement term with thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

In addition to the terms and conditions set forth in the Consultant Agreement, the following additional terms and conditions are incorporated into the parties' Agreement and made a part thereof:


- E. **Indemnification:** The Client agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless the Consultant, its officers, directors, employees, and subconsultants (collectively, Consultant) against all damages, liabilities or costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and defense costs, to the extent caused by work done in connection with the Project and the acts of its contractors, subcontractors or consultants or anyone for whom the Client is legally liable. Neither the Client nor the Consultant shall be obligated to indemnify the other party in any manner whatsoever for the other party's negligence.
- F. **Compliance:** Consultant agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations of the law of the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Somalia. Consultant represents that its agents, representatives, and employees have obtained all licenses, permits and/or approvals necessary for the performance of the Services stated above. Consultant will register to represent Client in accordance to Foreign Agent Registration Act.

AGREED UPON THIS 12 DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR 2019 BY THE UNDERSIGNED:

FOR CONSULTANT

  
Michael R. Caputo  
Zeppelin Communications LLC

FOR CLIENT

  
H.E. Mr. Abukar Dahir Osman  
Permanent Representative of the Somali Republic